

arts as a major sponsor of the Armand Hammer Museum and Cultural Center and as managing director of the Joffrey Ballet.

We ask our colleagues to join us in expressing our great appreciation to Mr. Laurance for putting valuable time and effort into the work of Bet Tzedek and in congratulating for the honor that Bet Tzedek is conferring on him.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. NANCY PELOSI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 1995*

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to voice my continued support for S. 2, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995, which was overwhelmingly passed by the House of Representatives on January 17, 1995. As the RECORD indicates, I have supported this legislation twice before. I supported passage of the Congressional Accountability Act when it was considered by the House in the 103d Congress, on August 10, 1994, and then again when the House approved the measure on January 5, 1995. Accordingly, had I not been detained in my district on January 17, 1995, I would have voted "yea" during the vote on S. 2.

#### HONORING CONGRESSIONAL PAGES

### HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 1995*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to express my personal gratitude to all of the pages who have served so diligently in the House of Representatives during the 103d and 104th Congresses.

We all recognize the important role that congressional pages play in helping the House of Representatives operate. This group of young people, who come from all across our Nation, represent what is good about our country. To become a page, these young people have proven themselves to be academically qualified. They have ventured away from the security of their homes and families to spend time in an unfamiliar city. Through this experience, they have witnessed a new culture, made new friends, and learned the details of how our Government operates.

As we all know, the job of a congressional page is not an easy one. Along with being away from home, the pages must possess the maturity to balance competing demands for their time and energy. In addition, they must have the dedication to work long hours and the ability to interact with people at a personal level. At the same time, they face a challenging academic schedule of classes in the House Page School.

The Fall 1994 class of pages witnessed many important and historical events and debates, including the approval of the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs, President Clinton's address to Congress and the Nation on his health care reform proposal. The pages also were present for the historic speech by President Nelson Mandela of South Africa to the joint session of Congress, and had the op-

portunity to meet and speak with President Mandela. The pages also witnessed the orderly transfer of power in the House from the Democrats to the Republicans—a tribute to the strength of American democracy.

I am sure the departing pages will consider their time spent in Washington, DC to be one of the most valuable and exciting experiences of their lives, and that with this experience they will all move ahead to lead successful and productive lives.

Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the House Page Board, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this group of distinguished young Americans. They certainly will be missed.

DEPARTING PAGES: FALL 1994-1995

Amy E. Accavitti, Seth A.G. Andrew, Matthew D. Atkinson, Bart M. Bartlett, Rebecca H. Berkun, Jacqueline A. Bethea, Joanna L. Bowen, Jessica Brater, Allison Burdick, Erin C. Carney, Michael A. Carter, Krista Clarkson, Keyundah Coleman, Janey C. Crawford, Amy J. Crocker, Robert Cuthbert, Anastasios C. Drankus, Kathleen K. Duffy, Michael D. Ellison, Cathryn Caroline Fayard, Michael P. Fierro, Kristin M. Francis, Janine D. Geraigery, Jennifer C. Gerard, Melissa A. Hayes, Joseph R. Hill, Derek J. Johns, La Toya Johnson, Julia C. Kelly, Lisa N. Konitzer, Marcos A. Lopez, Ross C. Maradian, Sabrina M. Meier, Ryan D. Offutt, Neil A. Reyes, Hannah R. Riordan, Claudia V. Rocha, Michael J. Ryan, Estevan O. Sanchez, Tarik D. Scarlata, James D. Stone, Rosalind V. Thompson, Corey S. Tucker, Lakisha M. Vaughn, Emily J. Waldon, Brian R. Wellman, Hubert E. Wells, Vincent G. Wilhelm, John C. Williams, Aaron B. Williamson.

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM "W.C." GORDEN

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 1995*

Mr. THOMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize the outstanding achievements of William "W.C." Gorden of Jackson, MS. Gorden, a long-time instructor, coach and athletic administrator at Jackson State University, is an outstanding educator, civic leader, and mentor to many young people. He has a national reputation for his athletic accomplishments and community involvement.

During his extensive professional career, he has been recognized by his peers as one of the top football coaches in the National Collegiate Athletic Association [NCAA] Division 1-AA. When he retired from coaching in 1991, he ranked third among active NCAA Division 1-AA football coaches in winning percentage. During the decade of the 1980's, he led Jackson State University to eight Southwestern Athletic Conference [SWAC] football championships. He has been named "Coach-of-the-Year" by the Clarion Ledger newspaper, the Sheridan Broadcasting Network and the National Sports Foundation.

During his tenure as Head Football Coach, many players have been drafted into the national Football League. Another measure of his success is the fact that several members of his former coaching staff are currently serving as Head Football Coaches at other universities.

Under his leadership of the Athletic Department, all of Jackson State University's sports

programs have been strengthened, the football program has led the nation in home attendance among NCAA Division 1-AA teams, and the university has received several awards from the SWAC conference for its outstanding athletic programs.

Coach Gorden's community involvement is very extensive. He lectures at numerous youth clubs and organizations and elementary and secondary schools. He has also been active in the local Easter Seal telethon and has organized free football clinics for underprivileged youths. He has also encouraged JSU athletes to register to vote and become active in civic affairs. I salute Coach Gorden for his outstanding accomplishments at Jackson State University and in the Jackson community.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 1995*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 17, 1995, I was unable to cast my floor vote on S. 2, the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995.

As an enthusiastic supporter of this important legislative proposal which I have voted for in the past, I would like to announce for the record that, had I been able to, I would have voted "aye" on S. 2 on January 17, 1995.

#### TRIBUTE TO GOOD CITIZEN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER MARY ELLEN GREER

### HON. CHARLIE ROSE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 23, 1995*

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great achievement by a young person from North Carolina's 7th Congressional District, Ms. Mary Ellen Greer.

On Saturday January 21, I had the pleasure of attending a luncheon in Southport, North Carolina, sponsored by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. This purpose of this luncheon was to honor the winners of the Good Citizens Scholarship Competition. I cannot tell you how encouraging it was to see so many patriotic young people with such a clear understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship.

The winner from District IX was a young lady named Mary Ellen Greer, of Whiteville, North Carolina. Ms. Greer wrote an extraordinary essay entitled "Our American Heritage and Our Responsibility to Preserve It." Mr. Speaker, I would like to share this essay with all of my colleagues, and, therefore, ask that it be printed in the RECORD.

#### OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE IT

(By Mary Ellen Greer)

In the early sixteenth century, a group of weary British pilgrims landed on the Eastern shore of the New World. The voyage had been a difficult one, the first of a long series of hardships that would define the establishment of these people as inhabitants of the